

# *The Barber Papers*

## **COSTA RICA**

**INITIATING AUTHORITY:**

**COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT**

**Date Range of Correspondence:** 8/24/1899 - 3/19/1912

**Number of Documents:** 61

**Art Work:** Scale drawings of dies; enlargements of obverse & reverse of 2 Centimos coin; several drawings of a medical award medal Barber was making for a Costa Rican customer.

**Significance:** Extremely heavy striking of gold coins: \$500,000 in TEN COLONES pieces; Another \$40,000 in TEN COLONES pieces; \$500,000 IN FIVE COLONES coins; etc.

# COSTA RICA

- 8/24/1899 Telegram to Barber re proposed striking of \$1,500,000 Gold in 20, 10, and 5 Colon pieces. (1 Page) CF #1
- 9/20/99 Letter to Barber - prepare die pairs for 20, 10, and 5 Colon coins. (1 Page) CF #2
- 1/16/1900 Letter to Barber - \$500,000 Gold to be struck in to Ten Colon coins - make dies. (1 Page) CF #3
- 4/21/00 Letter to Barber - How many Costa Rican die pairs / what denominations now in the U.S. Mint? (1 Page) CF #4
- 4/24/00 Letter to Barber. Received information; make necessary dies to coin 40,000 10 Colones, 5,000 20 Colones. (1 Page) CF #5
- 5/16/00 Letter to Barber - Check for \$50 for last set of Colones dies. (1 Page) CF #6
- 5/19/00 Letter to Barber - Prepare dies to strike 50,000 10 Colones pieces. (1 Page) CF #7
- 8/9/00 Letter to Barber - Prepare dies to strike 100,000 5 Colones pieces. (1 Page) CF #8
- 9/7/00 Letter to Barber - Lazard Freres, New York City, will send \$50 check for the five die pairs used to strike the 100,000 5 Colones coins; inquires about a medical medal. (1 Page) CF #9
- 9/12/00 Letter to Barber - Prepare dies to strike 125,000 2 Colones pieces. (1 Page) CF #10
- 3/23/02 Letter to Barber - Introducing N. Bolet Peraza, Consul General of Honduras, New York City, who wants some dies made for Honduras. (1 Page) CF #11
- 8/29/02 Letter to Barber - Please prepare 3 pairs of dies and hubs for Costa Rica 50 Centimos; drawings and models included; "C" and "R" in middle of stars in legend. What cost? How soon ready? (4 Pages) CF #12
- 9/4/02 Letter to Morgan re a pair of dies and a collar to come shortly. (1 Page) CF #13
- 10/4/02 Letter to Barber asking about when dies will be ready. (1 Page) CF #14
- 10/24/02 Letter to Barber complaining about collars, dies, etc. not having been received in 3 days. (1 Page) CF #15
- 1/24/03 Letter to Barber - Prepare 3 pairs of 50¢ silver coin dies, dated 1903, assayer initials J.C.V. - size information included; also, 2 collars and 2 drifts. How long? (1 Page) CF #16
- 1/28/03 Letter to Barber - Hopes the dies, etc., will be ready soon. (1 Page) CF #17
- 2/11/03 Letter to Barber - \$140 sent in payment for dies, drifts, and collars, all received. (1 Page) CF #18
- 9/2/03 Letter to Barber - Copper-nickel 2 Centimos coins, legends and artwork included; prepare designs as per letter. (1 Page) CF #19

- 8/28/05 Letter to Barber re preceding letter. Will need the dies about early October - Morgan said one good pair of dies of each denomination still left. (1 Page) CF #37
- 9/28/05 Letter to Barber - Invoice received - will pay next week. (1 Page) CF #38
- 6/13/10 Letter to Barber - Destroy old dies from past year; retain hubs. (1 Page) CF #39
- 1/26/12 Letter to Barber re coining 500,000 10¢ and 1,000,000 5¢ Silver coins as soon as possible - prepare necessary dies. (1 Page) CF #40
- 2/15/12 Letter from Barber to Calvo, informing him that the Mint had neither hubs nor dies for a 25 Centimos coin, and had never made such coins - Barber can produce hubs and dies if provided with the design of the coin. (1 Page) CF #41
- 2/16/12 Letter to Barber - Yes, make 25 Centimos dies - photo enclosed - 50 Centimo dies may help with designs. Lists diameters of Costa Rican silver coins. (1 Page) CF #42
- 2/17/12 Letter from Barber to Calvo - will start work at once; suggestions re design continuity. (1 Page) CF #43
- 2/20/12 Letter to Barber - Suggestions received and accepted. (1 Page) CF #44
- 3/12/12 Letter from Barber to Calvo - 2 25 Centimos from the new dies sent - hubs finished - working dies ready any time. (1 Page) CF #45
- 3/14/12 Letter to Barber - Received the 2 coins and found them entirely satisfactory. As the hubs are finished, please send bill. (1 Page) CF #46
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- Undated List of Costa Rican hubs, obverse and reverse, by denomination. (1 Page) CF #48
- 1905 List of old and useless dies destroyed 11/8/05. (1 Page) CF #49
- 1905 List of Costa Rican dies - 6/1905, for 10¢ and 5¢, broken down by obverse and reverse. (1 Page) CF #50
- Scale drawings of obverse and reverse, with exact specifications. (1 Page) CF #51
- Enlarged illustrations of 2 Centimos coin. (1 Page) CF #52
- Art work for a Costa Rican medical/pharmaceutical medal, various designs. (3 Pages) CF #53-60

- 10/10/03 Letter to Barber - Sketches of the 2 Cent coins. Make master dies and working one soon - 630,000 pieces to be coined. (1 Page) CF #20
- 10/19/03 Letter to Barber re having planchets for the 2 Centimos coins manufactured by Scovill; specifies size, weight, alloy, etc. (1 Page) CF #21
- 10/29/03 Letter to Barber - Received samples of the 2 Centimos coins - Proofs approved - prepare necessary dies for full coinage. (1 Page) CF #22
- 11/13/03 Letter to Barber - Box up all master dies and hubs belonging to Government of Costa Rica - deliver working dies for 2 Centimos to coiner - any still useful working dies should also be packed - check for \$450 (Barber's fee) enclosed. (1 Page) CF #23
- 8/18/04 Letter to Barber - Need to coin 250,000 50 Centimes - make necessary working dies - date 1904, assayer initials G.C.R. gives weight and fineness. (1 Page) CF #24
- 8/24/04 Letter to Barber re 50 Centimo master dies should be with other Costa Rican dies in Barber's office safe. (1 Page) CF #25
- 8/25/04 Letter to Barber re preparing 4 die pairs to strike the 50 Centimos coins, probably in mid-September. (1 Page) CF #26
- 9/14/04 Letter replying to Barber - 50 Centimos dies ready. Inquires about cost of a cast of a model of President Yglesias. (1 Page) CF #27
- 9/16/04 Letter to Barber - Question about cost per pair of working dies; thanks Barber for a medal he sent - will discuss cast later. (1 Page) CF #28
- 9/20/04 Letter to Barber - Check for \$80 for dies enclosed - how much did the master dies cost? (1 Page) CF #29
- 3/22/05 Letter to Barber re possible coining of 100,000 10¢ Silver and 100,000 5¢ Silver dated 1905, assayer G.C.R. - what will price be for master dies and necessary number of working dies - how soon can dies be ready? (1 Page) CF #30
- 4/14/05 Letter to Barber - Proceed to prepare 10¢ and 5¢ dies, year 1905, Assayer G.C.R. - design as on 50 Centimos - lists specifications. Hurry with working dies. (1 Page) CF #31
- 4/22/05 Letter to Morgan - Card impressions of 10¢ and 5¢ dies received - suggested modifications. (1 Page) CF #32
- 5/14/05 Letter to Morgan - Has a check for Morgan, will see him Wednesday - coins are acceptable - how soon will full coinage be done? Keep usable dies. (1 Page) CF #33
- 6/10/05 Letter to Morgan - Complains that Barber quoted one price for the 10¢ and 5¢ dies; bill from Morgan has a larger price - must resolve this. (1 Page) CF #34
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COSTA RICA I

- 24/1899 TELEGRAM TO BARBER RE PROPOSED STRIKING OF ~~10~~ GOLD IN 20, 10, & 5 COLON PIECES \$1,500,000 (1 PAGE) CF#1
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- 24/1900 " " " RECEIVED INFORMATION; MAKE NECESSARY DIES TO COIN 40,000 10 COLONES, 5,000 20 COLONES (1 PAGE) CF#5
- 16/1900 LETTER TO BARBER - CHECK FOR #50 FOR LAST SET OF COLONES DIES (1 PAGE) CF#6
- 19/1900 " " " - PREPARE DIES TO STRIKE 50,000 10 COLONES PIECES (1 PAGE) CF#7
- 19/1900 " " " - PREPARE <sup>DIES</sup> TO STRIKE 100,000 5 COLONES PIECES (1 PAGE) CF#8
- 7/1900 " " " - LAZARD FRERES, NYC, WILL SEND #50 CHECK FOR THE FIVE DIE PAIRS USED TO STRIKE THE 100,000 5 COLONES COINS; INQUIRES ABOUT A MEDICAL MEDAL (1 PAGE) CF#9
- 1/12/1900 " " " PREPARE DIES TO STRIKE 125,000 2 COLONES PIECES (1 PAGE) CF#10
- 23/1902 " " " INTRODUCING N. BOLET PERAZA, CONSUL GENERAL OF HONDURAS, NYC, WHO WANTS SOME DIES MADE FOR HONDURAS. (1 PAGE) CF#11
- 1/29/1902 " " " PLEASE PREPARE 3 PAIRS OF DIES FOR COSTA RICA 50 CENTIMOS; AND HUBS DRAWINGS AND MODELS INCLUDED; "C" AND "R" IN MIDDLE OF STARS IN LEGEND. WHAT COST? HOW SOON READY? (8 PAGES) CF#12
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- 1/4/1902 LETTER TO BARBER ASKING ABOUT WHEN ~~THE~~ DIES WILL BE READY (1 PAGE) CF#14
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- 3/4/1903 " " " BARBER - PREPARE 3 PAIRS OF 50¢ SILVER COIN DIES; DATED 1903, ASSAYER INITIALS J.C.V. - SIZE INFO INCLUDED; ALSO, 2 COLLARS + 2 DRIFTS. HOW LONG? (1 PAGE) CF#16
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COSTA RICA II

- 1/2/1903 LETTER TO BARBER; COPPER-NICKEL 2 CENTIMOS COIN, LEGENDS &  
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- 1/19/1903 LETTER TO BARBER RE HAVING PLANCHETS FOR THE 2 CENTIMOS COINS  
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- 1/16/1904 LETTER TO BARBER - QUESTION ABOUT COST PER PAIR OF WORKING DIES; THANKS  
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- 1/20/1904 LETTER TO BARBER - CHECK FOR #80 FOR DIES ENCLOSED - HOW MUCH DID  
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- 22/1905 LETTER TO BARBER RE POSSIBLE COINING OF 100,000 10¢ SILVER AND  
100,000 5¢ SILVER DATED 1905, ASSAYER G.C.R. - WHAT WILL [GIVES DIAMETERS]  
PRICE BE FOR MASTER DIES & NECESSARY FOR WORKING DIES -  
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- 4/1905 LETTER TO BARBER - PROCEED TO PREPARE 10¢ & 5¢ DIES, YEAR 1905,  
ASSAYER G.C.R. - DESIGNS ON 50 CENTIMOS - LISTS SPECIFICATIONS -  
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- 1/1905 LETTER TO MORGAN - CARD IMPRESSIONS OF 10¢ AND 5¢ DIES RECEIVED -  
SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS. (1 PAGE) CF#32
- 1/1905 LETTER TO MORGAN - HAS A CHECK FOR MORGAN, WILL SEE HIM WEDNESDAY -  
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- 0/1905 LETTER TO MORGAN - COMPLAINS THAT BARBER QUOTED ONE PRICE FOR THE  
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- 8/1905 LETTER TO BARBER - SAME TOPIC AS LAST (1 PAGE) CF#35
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MANY DIE PAIRS WILL BE NEEDED? (1 PAGE) CF#36
- 8/1905 LETTER TO BARBER RE PRECEDING LETTER, WILL NEED THE DIES ABOUT  
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DENOMINATION STILL ~~LEFT~~ LEFT. (1 PAGE) CF#37
- 8/1905 LETTER TO BARBER - INVOICE RECEIVED - WILL PAY NEXT WEEK (1 PAGE) CF#38
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COSTA RICA IV

- 5/1912 LETTER FROM BARBER TO CALVO, INFORMING HIM THAT THE MINT  
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MADE SUCH COINS - BARBER CAN PRODUCE HUBS AND DIES  
IF PROVIDED WITH THE DESIGN OF THE COIN (1 PAGE) CF # 41
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50 CENTIMO DIES MAY HELP WITH DESIGNS. LISTS DIAMETERS  
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- 7/1912 LETTER FROM BARBER TO CALVO - WILL START WORK AT ONCE;  
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DIES SENT - HUBS FINISHED - WORKING DIES READY ANYTIME (1 PAGE) CF # 45
- 1/1912 LETTER TO BARBER - ~~RECEIVED~~ RECEIVED THE 2 COINS AND FOUND THEM  
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Mr. Charles E. Barber,

Engrver U. S. Mint Phila.

We want Million and half coined, in twenty  
ten and five colon pieces. Please tell me  
if necessary to bring dies from Costa-Rica answer  
paid

J. B. Calvo

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA.  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

Sept. 20th, 1898.-

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:-

Sometime before I wrote you I asked the Director of the U. S. Mint for permission for you to make one pair of each of the dies for 20, 10 and 5 colon pieces, in order that they may be useful in adjusting the planchets that we have requested to be made in the Philadelphia Mint, and the same dies to be sent afterwards to Costa Rica. Please prepare these three pairs of dies at our expense as soon as possible, and oblige.-

Yours very truly,

*J.B. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA.  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

January 16, 1900.

Mr. Charles E. Barber, Engraver,  
United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I have arranged for the coinage of 500,000 colones  
in ten colone pieces. It is to say, for fifty thousand pieces,  
and I want you to prepare the necessary dies for this operation.  
The order will be sent to the Mint to-day or to-morrow and we  
want this gold ready as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,



LEGACION DE COSTA RICA.  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C.

April 21rst., 1900.-

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.-

Dear Sir:-

Referring to previous correspondence in regard to the proposed medal, I will write you very soon.-

Now, I beg you to inform me at your earliest convenience, how many ~~pounds~~<sup>earns</sup> of dies, if any, and of what denominations have we available for future coinages of Colones pieces, so as to order what should be necessary for next operation.-

Yours very truly,

*J.B. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTARICA.  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C.

April 24th., 1900.-

Mr. Chas E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.--

Dear Sir:-

Thanking you very much for the information contained in your letter of yesterday, I beg to ask you to prepare the necessary dies for coining

40,000 coins, 10 colones each

5,000 coins, 20 colones each

to be used in that Mint according to instructions given to the Superintendent by the Director of the United States Mint..

Yours very truly,

*J.B. Calvo*

LEGACION  
DE  
COSTA RICA.

New York,  
May 16, 1900. —

Mr. Barker,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check  
nº 74200 from Messrs. Lazard  
Frères, for \$ 50.- value of the  
dies for the last coinage of col-  
ones for the Government of Costa  
Rica, that you have prepared  
as per your bill. —

Please answer me to Wash-  
ington, D.C. as usualy. —

yours very truly

J. B. Colod.

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA.  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C.

May 19th, 1900.-

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,  
United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.-

Dear Sir:-

We are now going to have 50,000 ten colones pieces coined (500,000 colones,) and want you to prepare the dies necessary. I hope that some of those used in former coinage are available for this operation.-

Yours truly,



P. S. I sent a check to the Superintendent of the Mint, at the same time that I sent you yours, and I received your letter of the 18th instant, but not any acknowledgement from him. I hope that he has received both my letter and check all right.-

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

August 9, 1900.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear sir:

We are going to have 500,000 colones coined at once  
in five colon pieces, and I want you to prepare the necessary  
dies to strike these 100,000 gold coins, if convenient.

Yours very truly,

*J. B. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

September 7, 1900.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of yesterday, you are informed that Messrs Lazard Frères of New York will send you check for fifty (\$50.-) dollars, value of the five pairs of dies used in the coinage of 100,000 five-colon pieces.

Referring to the medal of which I wrote you some time ago, I beg you to commence the work on the same and will send you the symbol of medical science in a few days.

Yours very truly,

*J.B. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

Sept. 12, 1900.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U.S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barber:

I have applied for the coinage of 125,000 pieces 2 Colones each, 250,000 Colones in all, and I beg you to prepare the necessary dies as soon as the order is given to the Mint by the Director at Washington.

Yours very truly.

*J. A. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN  
DE  
COSTA RICA.

Washington, D. C.

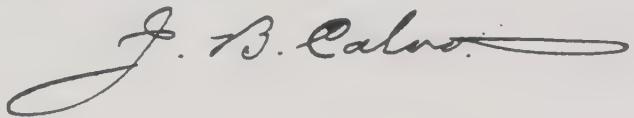
March 23, 1902.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to introduce in the number of your acquaintances Hon. N. Bolet Peraza, Consul General of Honduras, - New York, of whom I spoke to you yesterday in connection with the making of some dies for his Government. He may see you personally or will write you the necessary instructions thereon.

Yours very truly,

  
J. B. Calvo

*leg. attache*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

August 29, 1902.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia. Penn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find models with instructions therein written for dies to coin silver pieces of 50 cents. Please prepare three pairs of them as soon as practicable. As a countersign they want the letters C. and R. (Costa Rica,) in the middle of the stars in the legend.

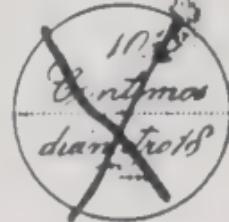
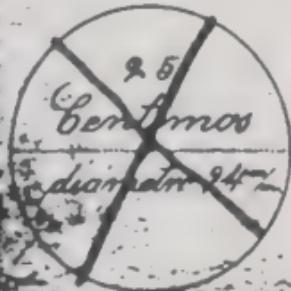
Please prepare also two rings adapted to the same, and drifts as necessary.

I will be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience about the time and the price.

Yours very truly.

*One drift will be needed* J. B. Calos.

You can say month or six weeks or  
any time you like - I am working on the dies -  
do you remember what you charged for the drifts  
before? Lynn

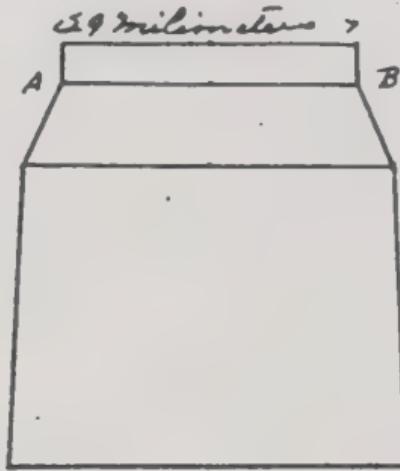


N I.



N II.





N II.

Diameter - face of die 39 milimeters.  
Engraving. little fig N II of sample.

For Costa Rica

Centurions 19 pairs of die  
of Fid " 38 oto. 33 reverse

Washington,  
Sept. 1, 1902

Mr. George T. Morgan  
Philad<sup>t</sup>. Penn.

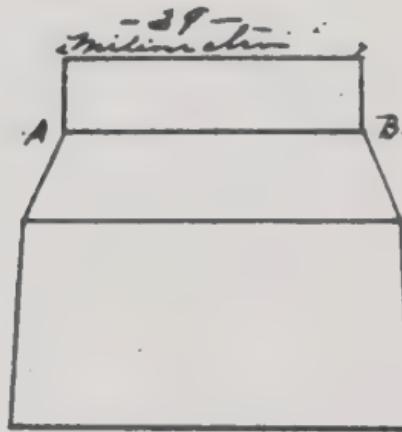
Dear Sir:

The coins are to be 29 mil. diameter according to the instruction. The reference to the face of die was a confusion. Make the dies for coins 29  $\frac{7}{16}$  in. diameter.

yours truly,  
J. B. Calvert.

I was asking for ~~exact~~ diameter of coin,  
and this is the answer - We are therefore  
working to a 29  $\frac{7}{16}$  in coin - not face die.

Small letters C.-P. visible with last. engrave  
a middle of stars as shown in sample. --  
Date - 1902. ~~and~~ <sup>last</sup> figure -



N. I  
Diameter. face of dies. 29 millimeters.  
Engraving little fig n°. 2. Coat of arms little  
the one used in dies for gold coins. (Colins. C.R.)  
Small letters engrave. a stars bottom late and by end

Washington  
Sept, 4, 1902.

Mr. George T. Morgan  
Engraver, U. S. Mint.  
Philadelphia. Penn.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of yesterday, I have the pleasure to say that I send you by Adams Express a pair of dies and ring which I received, together with the sketch sent you. Please tell me if it will be enough and so, return to me said dies and ring to forward same to Costa Rica.

Yours truly  
J. B. Calvo.



THE NEW  
HOFFMAN HOUSE,  
MADISON SQUARE,

J. P. ADDAGAN, MANAGER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4, 1902

ABSOLUTELY FIRE PROOF

My dear Mr. Barber:

I have received a telegram from San Jose asking me when the lines will be ready and to send a pair at least as soon as practicable. I am leaving just now for Washington where I hope to receive your answer to-morrow.

Yours truly  
J. B. Calvo.

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

October 24, 1902.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

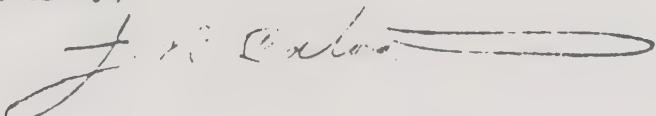
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant was duly received in the morning of the 21st. I waited all day to receive the dies, collars and drift that you sent me, and in the afternoon I communicated by telephone with the Main Office of the U. S. Express Company giving them the address of this Legation to avoid any possible delay. Wednesday same address was given by letter to said office, and yesterday I sent twice to bring me the package without success. I called again this morning by telephone and they answered the package was sent by wagon.

It is a most unfortunate thing that this happened, as you know those articles ought to have been sent no later than the 18th instant as you promised, and I am at a loss about the time when the package could be received.

Before making a formal protest, please see that the package be sent here at once.-

Yours truly,



LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

October 28, 1902.

Mr. Chas E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

The box containing the dies, rings and drift was received at last, and have only to remind you that those pieces sent to you with the order were not received and have to send them back to Costa Rica.

I am awaiting an answer from New York that would enable me to make a draft to your order, which I hope will be at hand the latter part of this week.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo

LEGACIÓN  
DE  
COSTA RICA.

Washington,

January 24, 1903.

Mr Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Barber:

Please prepare three pairs of dies for coins of 50 cents, silver, like the ones lately made, but for the year 1903, and with the initials of the assayer changed for this: J. C. V. - Enclosed you will find indications about the size of this dies.

Please also prepare two collars and two drifts adaptable to the same dies.

I will thank you for information in regard to the time in which the work could be done, price, etc.

Yours very truly.

is twenty dollars per pair      J. K. Collier  
is fifty dollars <sup>each</sup> per pair  
is thirty dollars per pair  
Dies per pair <sup>\$20-</sup>  
Drifts <sup>\$25-</sup> each  
Collars <sup>\$15-</sup> each

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

January 28, 1903.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday has been duly received and its contents noted and I hope the dies, drifts, and collars will be ready in the shortest possible time.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

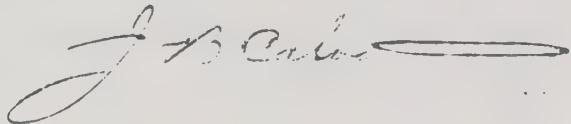
February 11, 1903.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find draft n° 457, on Merrrs.  
G. Amsinck & C°., New York, for one hundred and forty dollars,  
(\$140) in payment of three pairs of dies, two drifts and two  
collars, all received today by express, and as per enclosed  
bill which I beg to return receipted.

Yours truly,

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive ink. The signature appears to begin with "J. B. Cade" followed by a short horizontal line or flourish. The handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

September 2, 1903.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver of the U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

We are going to issue a nickle coin of 1 gram; composition 75 $\frac{1}{2}$  copper, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  nickle, size 15 millimeters in diameter with the following legends: "2 céntimos" in the center, "América Central" in the upper part of the circle and a branch of laurel and another of coffee, in the lower part of the circle; and on the reverse, "República de Costa Rica" in the upper part of the circle and 1903 in the lower part, with the number "2" in Roman, in the center, and I will like you to prepare the designs and send them to me with indications of the cost of the corresponding dies.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

I am

Yours very truly,

*J. B. Calvo* —————

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

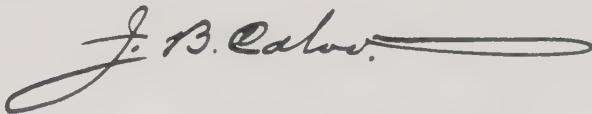
Washington, D. C.

October 10, 1903.

My dear Mr. Barber:

Referring to my letter dated September 3, 1903, and to yours of the 9th of the same month, I beg to return to you herein enclosed the sketches for the nickel coin therein referred to, which has been approved as it is. Please proceed with the work of preparing the master dies and corresponding working ones as soon as practicable, as I have requested the Director of the United States Mint to coin 630,000 pieces of this new money.

Yours very truly.

*J. B. Calvo* 

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

October 19, 1903.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver of the United States Mint.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant received. Now I want you to write the Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Conn., who prepare the nickle blanks for the Mint in Philadelphia, giving them all the necessary explanations and instructions about the size of the 2 centimes nickle coins for which you are preparing the dies, that they may adjust their work in preparing the blanks for these coins correctly. It will not be superfluous to add the following: weight, 1 gram; composition, 75% copper and 25% nickle; diameter, 15 millemeters. The blanks, of course, will have to be annealed, cleaned, and milled ready for coining, the same as the United States 5 ¢ blanks they furnish to the Mint under their present contract.

I will thank you to inform me about this matter and in the meantime, I remain

Yours very truly

*J. B. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington,

October 29, 1903.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver, United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of yesterday together with the samples of the 2 centimos nickle coins therein referred to. I noted that about 25 pairs of dies will be necessary to coin this money and you are requested to have ready as many as will be needed. I thought that about 12 would be the number required.

The proofs of the coins look very good and consequently there are approved.

Please transmit to the Scovill Manufacturing Co., the required information to prepare the blanks.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo.

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
EN WASHINGTON.

Washington.

November 13, 1903.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the  
United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant was duly received and in answer thereto you are requested to place the master dies and hubs for the nickel coins together with the others for gold and silver coins belonging to the Government of Costa Rica, which are deposited in your department. As for the coinage dies please deliver them to the coiner as soon as he is ready to strike this new coin. Please also take care of any of these dies that may remain useful and add them to our deposit.

The necessary instructions having been sent to the Scovil Manufacturing Company, I don't think it would be necessary on my part to write them.

Enclosed please find draft on messrs. G. Amsinck & Co., New York for \$450.- value of your bill for the dies, etc. which I request of you to return to me duly receipted at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Calvo

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

August 18, 1904.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

We are now preparing to have 250,000 silver pieces, 50 centimes, coined at the Mint, and want you to make the necessary dies to strike the same, from the master ones in your possession, but for the year 1904, and with the initials of the assayer changed for these: G. C. R.

As you know the size of this coin is 29 milimeters diameter; weight, 10 grams, 0,900 fine. Tolerance in weight, 0,06 grams.

Please inform me about the time and so forth.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo.

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

August 24, 1904.

Mr. Chas. E. Barker,

Engraver, U. S. Mint,

The Summerfield,

Ocean Grove, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd received and in connection with the order for the 50 centimo dies I only wish to say that you prepared the master ones for the same in February last and several pairs of the working ones that were sent to Costa Rica. I am sure, of course, that you will find said master dies deposited with the others belonging to my Government, in the safe at your office.

Yours truly,



LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

August 25, 1904.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday received and confirming mine of the 18th I beg to say that you can proceed to prepare four pairs of the dies for 50 centimo coins, for the year 1904, and with the initials of the assayer changed for these: G. C. R.

These 250,000 silver pieces are going to be coined at the Mint in Philadelphia, probably about the middle of the next month of September.

Very truly yours.

*J. B. Calas*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

September 14, 1904.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant informing me that the dies for the 50 centimos coin are ready, was duly received and I thank you for the same. The coinage, then, will soon be made as I understand everything else was also ready at your Mint.

Will you be kind enough to inform me how much a cast like the one of President Yglesias that you presented me, will cost? The model will have to be taken from a photograph and the cast made in the same size or a little larger.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo

Washington,

September 16, 1904.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday the contents of which I noted. I also received your bill for the four pairs of coinage dies,(50 centimos), that you have just prepared for us. In answer thereto I would say, before sending you a check, that I thought the price of each pair of working dies was \$10, as formerly, if I am not mistaken. Please tell me about it and oblige

Yours very truly.

J. B. Calver.

I received just now the medal you were kind enough to send me. Please accept many, many thanks. I will tell you some time later on about the cast of which I spoke to you and will soon probably give you the order to prepare the same. —

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

September 20, 1904.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,  
Engraver, U.S.Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th was duly received yesterday and its contents noted accordingly. Enclosed please find draft on Messrs. G. Amsinck & Co., New York, for \$80.- Please return bill receipted.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Calvo

Will thank you to tell me how much  
the master dies cost.

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

March 22, 1905.

Chas. E. Barber, Engraver,  
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Barber:

As you will see from the enclosed copy, we may have coined 100,000 pieces, silver, Ten centimo, (Diez Centimos) and 100,000 pieces, Five Centimo, (Cinco Centimos) Year, 1905, initials of the assayer, G. C. R., in the same style as the coins lately prepared, and as shown in the enclosed photograph which I request to return to me together with the copy of the letter to the Director of the Mint.

Please tell me the price of the master dies for both and the number of pairs of working ones necessary, price of these and the time when they can be ready.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Calvo.

Diam: 10 c - 18. m.m.

Diam: 5 c - 15. m.m

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C.

April 14, 1905.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber, Engraver.

United Stated Mint,

Philadelphia. Penn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject I beg of you to proceed with the preparation of the dies for the Ten centimo, (Diez Centimos) and Five Centimo, (Cinco Centimos) coins for the Government of Costa Rica. Year, 1905. Inicials of the assayer, G.C.R. - Following the design of the 50 Centimos. coin. For the Ten Centimos: Size, 18 milimeters diameter; Weight, 2,00 grams; Tolerance in weight, 0,02 grams.

For the Five Centimos, (Cinco Centimos) Size, 15 milimeters diameter; Weight, 1,00 grams; Tolerance in weight, 0,01 gram.

The Government wants 100,000 coins of each denomination and the working dies must be ready as soon as possible.

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige

Yours very truly.

J. B. Calvo

ent Card impressions asking for  
approval. April 19 - G.Y.M

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington,

April 22, 1905.

Mr. George T. Morgan,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and the card impressions of the coin dies for 5 and 10 centimos were duly received, and after having examined the latter and seen what you say in regard to the small "C" and "R" to be put on the stars, I hasten to answer you that I am satisfied with the work as taken from the same model of the 50 centimos pieces. The observation I have to make is that it seems to me that the impression of the mountains, seas and ships of the Coat of Arms are not clear enough. If am right in this you will of course do what is necessary to improve the dies.

Very truly yours,

*J. B. Calvo*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

May 14, 1905.

Mr. George T. Morgan,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I intended to be in Philadelphia last week but have some business that prevented me from doing so. I expect to see you Wednesday to pay your bill which is correct and accepted.

I found the coins all right and hope that the money will be ready very soon. Please do as you promise me, to have some coins both of the 5 and 10 Centimos denomination for me.

When the money is ready please keep the dies if they are useful, together with the master ones all in the safe with the others belonging to my Government.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Calvo.

Washington, D. C.,

June 10, 1905.

Mr. Geo. T. Morgan,

Engraver, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday and to say in answer thereto that in accordance with a letter from Mr. Baber, the Engraver of the Mint, dated March 23, 1905, I informed my Government that the cost of the dies to coin the 5 and 10 centimos silver pieces, was \$540.- and this amount together with that for other expenses was placed to my order and paid to you and the Mint accordingly. Consequently, I don't know what to do as that was Mr. Barber's positive estimate, and a very fair one too. I would write to my Government asking for instructions, but to do so under the circumstances I would need a statement authorized by the Superintendent of the Mint, explaining the matter, as you know how strict official affairs of this nature are. Should the matter can not be arranged now it will be settled in the first opportunity we may have sooner or later, as I have no doubt you are right.

Yours truly,

*J. B. Calvo*

Washington, D. C.,

July 28, 1905.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday in regard to the additional dies for coining the five and ten centimos pieces for my Government, and in answer thereto will say that I have never entertained the least doubt that Mr. Morgan was right and so I expressed to him in a letter dated June 10th, 1905, and of course, you will be paid of the difference; but the question for me is what I have stated in same letter to Mr. Morgan. I regret very much this incident the cause of which is not mine in any way, and will do the best possible under the circumstances to settle it according to the above mentioned letter. Mr. Morgan never said a word about the matter until after he received the money in accordance with your estimate and my report to my Government went without any information of any additional sum to be paid.

Very truly yours,



Washington, D. C.,

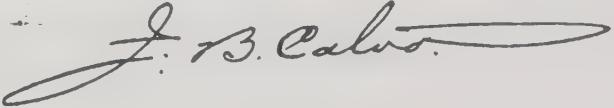
August 16, 1905.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barber:

We are going to have some money coined very soon, about 300,000 ~~Tens~~ centimos pieces and 400,000 ~~Five~~ centimos pieces, and would like to know the number of pairs of dies necessary for the same.

Very truly yours,



LEGACION DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C.,

August 28, 1905.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant came to me in due time and in reference to the dies I will say that we will need them about the begining of the momth of October, when we expect the Mint to coin the 300,000 ten Centimos and the 400,000 five Centimos pieces.

According to a letter from Mr. Morgan, dated June 9, 1905, there are one pair of dies of each denomination good for furhter use, which I hope will be enough together with the new ones. I never thought that so many dies would be required.

Hoping to see you in the near future,

Yours very truly,

*J. B. Calvo*

10-28-05

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA,  
WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C.,

September 28, 1905.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th was duly received together with the bill therein enclosed, which I found in conformity with previous correspondence on the subject. I intend to be in Philadelphia next week when I expect to have the pleasure to pay it. I will also give you a new order for dies for another lot of silver coins.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Calvo

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 13, 1910.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver, Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter relative to the dies belonging to the Government of Costa Rica, for passed years, you are authorized to destroy those in your possession as mentioned therein.

Of course you are requested to retain all the hubs belonging to the Government of Costa Rica which exist deposited in your Department at the Mint of the United States, as said hubs may be necessary for reproduction of dies when required.

Please send me at any time convenient a list of Costa Rican hubs in your possession and oblige,

Yours very truly,



LEGACION DE COSTA RICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 26, 1912.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,

Engraver of the United States Mint,  
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

We are going to have 500,000 ten-centimo and 1,000,000 five-centimo silver pieces coined at your Mint at once, and I will thank you very much to prepare the necessary dies for both as soon as possible.

Hoping to hear from, I am,

Yours very truly,



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1000000 10

February 15th, 1912.

Hon. J. E. Calvo,  
Minister of Costa Rica,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that I have no master dies or hubs for making a twenty-five centimos coin. I understand from the Superintendent that you have stated that the hubs for this coin, also for the fifty centimos coin ~~about~~ which you have been corresponding are in this Mint.

You are quite correct regarding the fifty centimos piece, but the twenty-five dies and hubs you are mistaken about, as we have never made this coin.

If you have any hubs that have been used at some other Mint, no doubt I can make dies from them, but if you have neither master dies or hubs it will be necessary for you to provide yourself with the same before the Mint can undertake the coinage.

If you desire my services in this matter, and will furnish me with the design of the twenty-five centimos coin I shall be quite willing to undertake the work of engraving the original master dies and hubs, from which the Mint can make the working or coining dies as they will do for the five and ten centimos coin now contracted for.

Awaiting your pleasure I am

Very truly yours,

P.S. The Mint you will understand will make the coinage dies but must be furnished with the hub.

I enclose a list of the hubs in the possession of the Mint that are the property of the Government of Costa Rica.

E.

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 16, 1912.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of yesterday and I have to thank you for the information contained therein. I was under the impression that we have the master dies or hubs for the 25 centimo coins and for that reason I said so to the Director of the Mint.

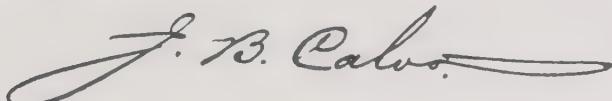
Now, I beg of you to prepare them as soon as possible and send you enclosed the same photograph you had when the other hubs were prepared. I believe that the master dies for the 50 centimo pieces may aid you in the work of those for 25 centimo. The size of the Costa Rican silver coins is as follows:

50	centimo,	29	millimeters	diameter,
25	"	24	"	"
10	"	18	"	"
5	"	15	"	"

In case some more information would be necessary  
I will be ready to give <sup>in</sup> to you.

Hoping to hear from, I am,

Yours very truly,

  
J. B. Calvo

February 17th, 1912.

Hon. J. B. Calvo,  
Minister of Costa Rica,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter and designs for coins arrived this morning and I will take the work up at once.

I find upon comparison of the 50, 10 and 5 centimo coins already made that they differ in some few points of detail from the photograph designs you send me, and therefore I write to ask your permission to follow the design as it is upon the coins already mentioned, this would appear to me to be the correct way as you would then have all the silver coins the same design. The next question is in regard to the fineness, the design has .750 fine but the other silver coins are .900 M, I suppose .900 M is correct. Then the initials of the assayer they are G. C. R. on the five and ten centimo coins, the dies for which are already made. I suppose the fifty and twenty-five centimos are to be the same.

If you will be kind enough to confirm this and also give permission to follow the design of the other silver coins I think I will not need to trouble you further, I am

Very truly yours,

B/b.

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

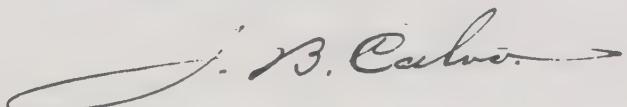
February 20, 1912.

Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the U. S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I received yesterday your esteemed letter of the 17th in regard to some few points of detail about the master dies for the 25 centimo Costa Rican coins, and in answer thereto I wish to say that you not only have permission to follow the design as it is upon the master dies already prepared at the Mint, but I request of you to keep the uniformity of the same design for all the silver coins. Formerly these coins were 0.750 fine, but changed since 1904 to 0.900 M, which is correct. The initials of the assayer G. C. R. are correct and, of course, the 50 and 25 centimos are to be the same. In this way we shall have the master dies for the silver coins all uniform as they ought to be.

Yours very truly,



Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Engraver's Department,

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1912, 189

Hon J. B. Calvo

Minister of Costa Rica

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find two twenty-five centavios coin struck from the dies which you instructed me to prepare for your government.

The hubs for reproducing the coinage dies are now finished and I am ready to make any number of dies that the Mint may require to execute the coinage in contemplation. Trusting that the coins may meet with your entire approval of them.

Very truly yours

LEGACION DE COSTA RICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 14, 1912.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,

Engraver, Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Pa.

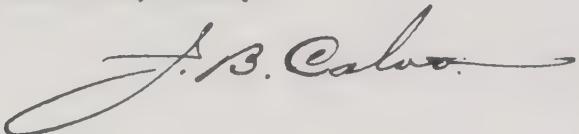
Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant and the two twenty-five centimos coins struck from the dies which you have prepared for my Government were duly received and I found the latter to be entirely satisfactory.

I note that the hubs for reproducing the coinage dies are now finished and that you are ready to make any number of dies that the Mint may require to execute the coinage in contemplation. Please send me the bill for your work.

With many thanks, I remain,

Yours very truly,



LEGACION DE COSTA RICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 19, 1912.

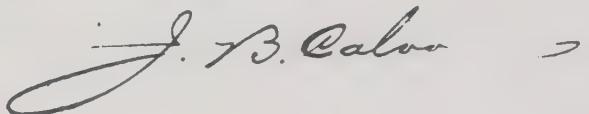
Mr. Chas. E. Barber,  
Engraver of the United States Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 15th instant I take pleasure en sending you enclosed herein a draft on New York for three hundred dollars (\$300.-) in payment for the master dies and reproducing hub for twenty five centimos coin of Costa Rica.

Please return the bill receipted.

With many thanks I remain yours very truly,

The signature is handwritten in cursive ink. It starts with a large 'J' followed by 'B.' and 'Calvo'. There is a small dash or mark at the end of the signature.

Costa Rica Peso.

Kubits so - rev

Gold Viente Colones

Diez

Cinco

Dos

Silver 50 Centimos

10 "

5 "

Nickel 2 Centimos.

**No. 18. TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

Dies for Costa Rica - June 1905

	Total number of dies made.	Worn and unfit for further use		Reserved, may be used again		
		ob	rev	ob	rev	ob
10 Centimos	6	6	5	5	1	1
5 Centimos	7	7	6	6	1	1

in Dose in

Face = 29 m.m.

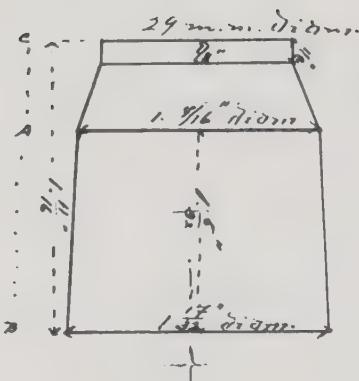
Diam neck.  $1\frac{1}{16}$ " -

~ base  $1\frac{11}{16}$ "

Height base =  $\frac{1}{8}$ "

~ A-B =  $1\frac{5}{16}$ "

~ B-A-C =  $1\frac{1}{16}$ "



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Sch. 1903. date.

Face, 29 m.m.

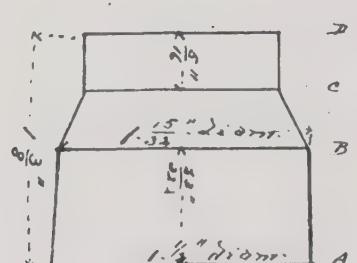
Diam. Neck.  $1\frac{15}{16}$ "

~ base.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "

Height A-B =  $1\frac{11}{16}$ "

~ C-D =  $\frac{5}{16}$ "

~ A-B-C-D =  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " -



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San Jose, Enviro 10 de 1903.



Silver medal  
reverse.



Silver medal  
reverse



gold medal  
reverse.



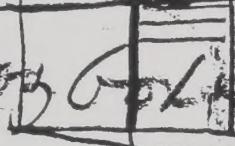




3 of each

NO. 18. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

one dozen collars ~~year~~ <sup>year</sup> for each  
or pants for collars one of each  
Send one doz of each



2 sets of ~~for~~ for hardening

Tin of workin' doz per 10 boxes



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